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status information (preferably in real time) for that user system whenever the status information for that user system changes. The information may be compiled by server SC module 29 and sent to user SC modules 31 (e.g., at login, when a user status changes). Other mechanisms for status updates of all users may also be used. For example, a system administrator or user may set a desired interval for performing status updates. Further, the status of users may be periodically checked by user SC modules 31 only when that information is desired for presenting with a user indicator.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly enter the following amended claims:

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1. (Amended) A system for enabling system users to determine a real-time status of one or more target system users and to establish communications with the one or more target system users using a user indicator, the system comprising:

user indicator presentation means for presenting at least one user indicator as a link within at least one electronic document, each user indicator being associated with the one or more target system users;

status presenting means for presenting status indicators associated with corresponding user indicators to provide the real-time status of the one or more target system users; and

communication means for enabling the system users to initiate communications with the one or more target system users upon selection of the desired user indicator.

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2. (Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising preference presentation means for presenting the system users preference for receiving communications.

3. (Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising updating means for updating the real-time status of the one or more target system users.

4. (Amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising conference communication means for enabling the system users to establish conference communications with the one or more target system users.

5. (Amended) The system of claim 4, wherein the conference communication means enable the system users to share at least one application.

6. (Amended) A method for enabling system users to determine a real-time status of one or more target system users and to establish communications with the one or more target system users using a user indicator, the system comprising the steps of:

presenting one or more user indicators as links within at least one electronic document, each user indicator being associated with at least one system user;

presenting the real-time status of the one or more target system users associated with the one or more user indicators, the real-time status including an availability of the one or more target users to engage in a communication; and

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establishing a communication link with the one or more target system users based on the indicated availability of the one or more target users.

~~7. (Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of enabling the one or more target system users to establish one or more communication preferences.~~

~~8. (Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of updating the real-time status of the one or more target system users.~~

~~9. (Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of enabling the system users to share at least one application.~~

~~10. (Amended) A system for enabling system users to determine a real-time status of one or more target system users and to establish communications with the one or more target system users using a user indicator, the system comprising:~~

~~a user indicator presentation module for presenting at least one user indicator as a link within at least one electronic document, each user indicator being associated with at least one target system user;~~

~~a status determining module that determines the real-time status of the one or more target system users including an availability of the one or more target users to engage in a communication; and~~

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a communication module that establishes a communication link with the one or more target system users based on the indicated availability of the one or more target users.

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11. (Amended) The system of claim 10, further comprising a communication options preference presentation module that presents the system users preference for receiving communications.

12. (Amended) The system of claim 10, further comprising a status updating module that updates the real-time status of the one or more target system users.

13. (Amended) The system of claim 10, further comprising a conference communication module that enables the system users to establish conference communications with the one or more target system users.

14. (Amended) The system of claim 13, wherein the conference communication module enables the system users to share at least one application.

15. (Amended) A processor readable medium having processor readable code embodied therein for enabling at least one system user to obtain a real-time status of one or more target system users and establish a communication link using the real-time status of one or more target system users comprising:

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user indicator presenting processor readable code that presents at least one user indicator as a link within at least one electronic document, each user indicator being associated with the one or more target system users;

status providing processor readable code that provides the real-time status of the one or more target system users including an availability of the one or more target system users to engage in a communication; and

communication establishing processor readable code that establishes a communication link with the one or more target system users based on the indicated availability of the one or more target users.

16. (Amended) The medium of claim 15, further comprising communication preference presenting processor readable code that presents a preference of the at least one system user to receive communications.

17. (Amended) The medium of claim 16, further comprising communication prioritizing processor readable code that enables the one or more target system users to prioritize the preferences.

18. (Amended) The medium of claim 15, further comprising status updating processor readable program code that updates the real-time status of the one or more target system users.

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~~19. (Amended) The medium of claim 15, further comprising conference communication processor readable code that enables the at least one system user to establish conference communications with the one or more target system users.~~

~~20. (Amended) The medium of claim 15, wherein the conference communication processor readable code enables the at least one system user to share at least one application.~~

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21. (New) A system for enabling system users to determine a real-time status of one or more target system users and to establish communications with the one or more target system users using a user indicator, the system comprising:

a user indicator presentation module associated with a first system application for presenting at least one user indicator as a link within at least one electronic document, each user indicator being associated with at least one target system user;

a status determining module associated with a second system application that determines the real-time status of the one or more target system users including an availability of the one or more target users to engage in a communication, wherein the first system application program and the second system application program are different system applications; and

a communication module that establishes a communication link with the one or more target system users based on the indicated availability of the one or more target users.

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AB 22. (New) A system for enabling system users to determine a real-time status of one or more target system users and to establish communications with the one or more target system users using a user indicator, the system comprising:

a user indicator presentation module for presenting at least one user indicator as a link within at least one non-HTML application, each user indicator being associated with at least one target system user;

a status determining module that determines the real-time status of the one or more target system users including an availability of the one or more target users to engage in a communication; and

a communication module that establishes a communication link with the one or more target system users based on the indicated availability of the one or more target users.